

BY His Excellency Sir **GEORGE YONGE**, Baronet; Knight of the most Honorable Order of the Bath; One of His Majesty's most Honorable Privy Council; Governor and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Castle, Town, and Settlement of the Cape of Good Hope, in South Africa; and of the Territories and Dependencies thereof; and Ordinary and Vice Admiral of the Same.

WHEREAS Representations of the want of small money experienced here, have induced His Majesty to take into his gracious consideration, the immediate relief from this great inconvenience to all Classes of His Subjects in this Colony; a considerable supply of Copper Coin has been sent; and will immediately be issued by the Deputy Pay-Master General, in payment of the Subsistence of His Majesty's Forces, as the most effectual and immediate means of bringing it into circulation where it is most wanted.

These are therefore to give notice, that a Copper Coin, weighing one English ounce; and stamped with the Profile of His Majesty on the one side; and of Britannia on the other, will be issued to the Garrison, at the rate of Two pence, or Two Stivers for each Copper; and that the same shall pass current in the Colony; and is to circulate at the aforesaid rate of two stivers.

And that no one may plead ignorance of the rate or legality of this or of any other of the Coins circulating in this Colony; of which, it does not appear that any regular Proclamation, has ever collectively been issued; I have judged it most expedient herewith to publish the following Table, of all the Specie legally circulating in this Colony; with the rates affixed to each, at which they shall be considered and be a legal tender in all payments, or transactions in this Colony.

TABLE OF SPECIE.

		Strs.	P.	St.	Eng.	sch.	St.
A Guinea	44	Holl.	Sch.	or	264	1	2
A Johanna 8 Sp. Dollars	80				480	2	
A Ducaat	19				114		9 & 6
A Venetian Sequir	19				114		9 & 6
A gold Mohur, 15 Sicca Rupees						1	17 & 6
A Pagoda	16				66		8
A Spanish Dollar	10				60		5
A Rupee	5				30		2 & 6
A Dutch Guilder	4				24		3
An English Shilling	2				12		1
A Copper Coin							2

It does not appear necessary to mention the Paper Money, as each piece has its own denomination marked upon it.

No money either Paper or Specie having hitherto been issued by Government, or circulated with its authority, of a smaller denomination than One Skelling, or Six pence, or 6 Stivers, it became necessary to permit some Corporations and Individuals who had many small payments to make, to issue and circulate private cards or notes, for dividends of the Schelling; but as His Majesty has now sent a Copper Coin, which will remove the necessity of such an expedient, it is hereby declared that it shall not be legal, Three Months after date of these presents, to circulate any more private cards or notes.

And this supply of Copper Specie having been sent to relieve the inconvenience of Persons requiring to make small Payments; no Persons are to collect the same for the purpose of making large Payments; nor shall it be deemed a legal tender to offer the same in payment of any sum exceeding Six Pounds or Thirty-Rix Dollars.

And whereas representation has been made to me, that the Law prohibiting the exportation of any Specie from this Colony, has of late been frequently evaded in a fraudulent manner: warning is hereby given, that the punishment of this crime shall be enforced in the strongest manner; and that as it is extremely difficult to fix the current value of the Copper Coin, in such manner as to remove the risk of its being either exported or imported, it is hereby declared that the exportation or importation thereof, in any sum exceeding Ten Pounds or Fifty Rix-Dollars, shall be punished by Fine of treble the value, and confiscation of SHIP and CARGO, on condemnation by sentence of the Courts of Justice.

Given under my Hand at the **CASTLE OF GOOD HOPE**,

18th January 1700

signed Geo Yonge

By Command of His Excellency the **GOVERNOR**,

signed A Bannard
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